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1. I informed Mr. Burrus, of the Bureau of the Budget, that Mr. Houston had talked with Mr. Rogers and Mr. Minor at the Justice Department, and that they had said they would enter into an agreement with us to cover any investigative problems raised by S. 2308. They agreed that if satisfactory language could be worked out in the bill it might be one solution, but that no satisfactory language appeared in prospect which would cover both the purpose of the legislation and the needs of CIA. Mr. Burrus will keep us informed as to the progress of S. 2308.

2. I called Mr. Rogers, the Deputy Attorney General, and asked whether it would be possible for him to give CIA some advance warning on a confidential basis as to the Department's action in the [redacted] case. Mr. Rogers stated that he would bear this request in mind, but that he did not think that the Department was going to do anything "for a little while."

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3. The luncheon with Senator Knowland has been set up for Friday, 12 February, and Mr. [redacted] is arranging for [redacted] to be present. In addition to [redacted] the DCI, DDCI, Acting DDP, Acting DDI and Legislative Counsel will be present. Senator Knowland has indicated a desire for a general Agency briefing following lunch, so DDA will stand by if needed.

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5. Mr. Saunders has transmitted to Mr. Nease, of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, certain figures which Mr. Nease requested in connection with the CIA budget. He has been told of the sensitivity of the figures relating to overseas automobiles, but states that this

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information may never be requested by the Committee. However, he is holding these figures in case he is asked. As Mr. Saunders had already gone to Capitol Hill, we could not carry through the suggestion that perhaps he bring back with him the car figures and the footnote regarding their sensitivity.



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7. Cong. Kersten called on the Director this morning to ask for his cooperation in the expanded work of the Baltic Committee which is now going into the takeover of other satellite countries by the USSR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was present and has suggested that we establish a liaison for PP with Mr. McTigue, Committee Counsel.

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9. The DCI has invited Charles Grimes, new Counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to lunch on 16 February. It is recommended that both Mr. Houston and Mr. Pforzheimer be invited to lunch.

10. Cong. John McCormack, the House Democratic Whip, lunched with the Director today and was given a generalized organizational briefing to bring him up to date after lunch.

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